

Washington Update

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1. Call for Abstracts—Note Deadline

The 2004 National Conference on Health Education and Health Promotion is accepting abstracts for an oral presentation session, poster session, workshop session and roundtable discussion

session, sponsored by the Directors of Health Promotion and Education (DHPE), formerly ASTDHPPHE, Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE), and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The deadline for submission is Monday December 1st. To learn more, visit www.dhpe.org/nationalconference.

2. Update on Trauma Systems Legislation

Legislation reauthorizing the Health Resources and Services Administration's Trauma-EMS Program (S. 239) passed the Senate by unanimous consent last June. The bill is largely a simple reauthorization, but it does increase the appropriation from \$6 million to \$12 million, and it lowers, slightly, the matching requirements for the state grant program. To learn more about this legislation, contact Marcia Mabee at mmabee@ix.netcom.com.

3. HRSA Awards \$1.9 Million to States to Develop, Improve Trauma Systems

HHS' Health Resources and Services Administration recently announced \$1.9 million in funding to support and strengthen state trauma systems through infrastructure development. Nine states—Alaska, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia—are newly funded and the remaining 41 states will receive continuation grants. Each state's award is approximately \$40,000. For more information, contact Marcia Mabee at mmabee@ix.netcom.com.

4. The E9-1-1 Headache

Implementing Automatic Location Identification technology for 9-1-1 calls dialing from a cell phone is proving more challenges for wireless service providers and public safety answering points. The technology complexity and issues surrounding cost recovery have been cited as key reasons for delays in E9-1-1 roll out. To learn more, visit

http://www.govtech.net/magazine/sup_story.php?id=75593&issue=11:2003.

5. Upcoming Event

2004 Conference for NDMS Participants, April 17-21, 2004, Adam's Mark Hotel, Dallas, Texas.
To learn more, visit www.ndms.chepinc.org.